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ABSTRACT

A learning circle is an informal, co-operative way of learning that is based on natural patterns of human interaction. Learning circles use learning materials to catalyze discussion. This book was designed under the assumption that these materials will most often be television programs with supporting print material. The first section, "What Happens in a Learning Circle?" gives a general outline of what a learning circle is, and how it works. The next section, "Drawing the Circle and Inviting the Participants: The Role of the Organizer," explains the organizer's role and details steps to be taken in bringing a learning circle into being. Section 3, "Keeping the Circle Turning: The Role of the Facilitator," covers the facilitator, the person who sits in each session and makes sure that discussion flows freely and stays on track. It includes the Facilitator's Tool Kit, including a number of strategies and techniques that can be of use in a learning circle. The final section, "Don't Just Sit There: The Role of the Participant," gives some suggestions as to how participants can give more to a learning circle, and get more out of the experience. (JBJ)

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